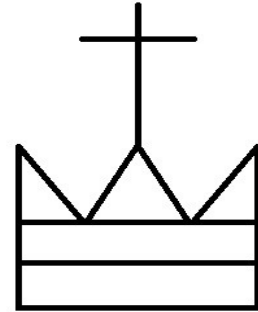


# CHRIST THE KING

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Current Mass Schedule:**

Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.  
Weekday Mass: Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.; Thursday: 8:00 a.m.; Friday: 12:10 p.m.

**Praying of the Rosary:**  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:**  
30 minutes prior to all Masses & 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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**Our Mission Statement:**

The parish of Christ the King Catholic Church continues the mission Jesus began of serving humanity.  
Inspired by Word and Sacrament, we share our God-given talents and gifts, faith and discipleship.  
In this, we enrich and share our Catholic faith.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20*

**January 21, 2024**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER MASS:** Fr. Chris wants to be aware of any announcement that will made after Mass. Please email him: [cmasla@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:cmasla@richmonddiocese.org) so he can review the content and/or introduce the speaker.

**Collection for Haiti:** We have collected \$4,778 to date. If you did not get a chance to donate last Sunday, please drop check with Haiti on the memo line or give online. Thank you for your generosity!

**Fr. Chris is on retreat this coming week of  
Jan. 22nd –26th.  
There will be no weekday services at CTK or  
St. John this week.**

**Collection for Respect Life is today, Jan. 21st:** this annual diocesan collection is for the protection of the Unborn. Please make checks payable to CTK with Respect Life on the memo line or give online. If you have not given online, cut & paste into your browser: [osvhub.com/ctk-abingdon/giving/funds/respect-life](https://osvhub.com/ctk-abingdon/giving/funds/respect-life)

**New monstrance:** If you would like to contribute toward our new monstrance, *please make check payable to CTK w/ monstrance on the memo line. Thank you to those who have donated so far.*

**Next Sunday, Jan. 28th, is Knights Sunday:** the Knights will host their quarterly Pancake Breakfast directly following Mass. We so will welcome new parishioners. All are welcome!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact the Church Office to schedule.

Jan. 21st: Repose of the Soul of Charlie Dolpp  
Jan. 31st: Repose of the Soul of Wilhelmina Gasiiecki  
Feb. 1st: Repose of the Soul of Elbert Arnold  
Feb. 2nd: Repose of the Souls of Jennie & Larry Ritter



**Attendance & Contributions  
Jan. 14. 2024 Week**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 9:00 a.m. Attendance          | 192      |
| Offering                      | 1,005.00 |
| Offering cash                 | 321.00   |
| Holy Land Appeal              | 100.00   |
| Monstrance                    | 2,500.00 |
| Haiti                         | 3,158.00 |
| Online Offering               | 1,455.00 |
| Online <i>Together as One</i> | 298.00   |
| Online Parish Charities       | 50.00    |
| Online Haiti                  | 1,420.00 |
| Online Holy Days              | 5.00     |

**Counters:** Jan. 28th:  
D. Bisig, D. Smith, M. Hahn

**Expenses paid  
Jan. 16 - 19, 2024  
\$9,294.26**

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Payroll                                | 5,380.94        |
| <b>Holy Land Appeal</b>                | <b>2,058.86</b> |
| <b>Commonwealth Catholic Charities</b> | <b>602.00</b>   |
| CTK electric                           | 1,022.00        |
| CTK water                              | 42.78           |
| Postage                                | 70.67           |
| Office supplies                        | 43.37           |
| Floor mat                              | 56.00           |
| Altar flowers/décor                    | 61.01           |

**Usher meeting directly after  
Mass Sunday, Feb. 4th:  
15-20 minutes long.**

**Ash Wednesday  
is Feb. 14th.**

**THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS:**

Sunday 1/21 John 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 25:4, 6, 8 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20  
Monday 1/22 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Psalm 89:21, 25 Mark 3:22-30  
Tuesday 1/23 2 Samuel 6: 12b-15, 17-19 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mark 3:32-35  
Wed. 1/24 2 Samuel 7:14-17 Psalm 89:4, 27, 29 Mark 4:1-20  
Thursday 1/25 Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 17: 15/18  
Friday 1/26 Timothy 1:1-8 Psalm 96: 1, 2b, 7, 10 Mark 4: 26 -34  
Saturday 1/27 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 Psalm 51:12, 14, 16 Mark 4:35-41  
Sunday 1/28 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95: 1, 6, 7 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

## SPECIAL NOTICES

**Sacristans Needed:** arrive between 8:00 - 8:15 a.m. Sunday mornings. Have everything necessary for Mass (chalices, cloths, etc.) staged on the Sacristy table ready to be set on the Credence Table. We welcome more than one volunteer as this is a weekly commitment. You will be trained.

**Attention: Eucharistic Ministers:** Each week, CTK has a total of 6 Eucharistic Ministers to assist Father Chris with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. Currently, Gary Del Gaudio has been the 6th minister and brings the Holy Eucharist to those who cannot walk up to the altar. We are asking all Eucharistic Ministers to train for this 6th position. Please see Gary Del Gaudio about this or the Sacristan role after any Mass. [garydebbie74@yahoo.com](mailto:garydebbie74@yahoo.com)

**2024 Confirmation:** Please keep in your prayers our youth who will be confirmed by Bishop Knestout at **11 a.m. at St. Anne, Bristol, on Feb. 3rd:** Lillian Early, Emma Fischer, Dominic Monin, R.J. Selvaggi, and Daniel Weaver.

**Confirmation Retreat:** will be Saturday, Jan. 27th from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Seger Hall. Please contact Tracy Weaver if you have questions: [tracycweaver@gmail.com](mailto:tracycweaver@gmail.com)

**Gift Bearer Participation:** At Mass, we offer our treasure and our lives to God. *All parishioners can and should participate in bringing up the gifts.* Sign up as a couple, family, with a friend or other parishioner. Please see the sign-up sheet outside the sacristy.

**Office position openings as of March 1, 2024.** We are beginning the process of hiring a **Bookkeeper** to oversee the finances at CTK and St. John the Evangelist, and a **Parish Secretary** to handle those duties at CTK. More information and links to these job descriptions will be made available soon.

**Wednesday Noon Lenten Ecumenical Services/Luncheons begin Feb. 14th:** the schedule will be in future bulletins. This annual event is hosted by Abingdon's Main Street churches and pastors. **CTK will host on Feb. 21st** with Rev. Boyd Evans, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, as speaker. Fr. Chris will be speaker on Mar. 6th at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. Please contact Parish Life Coordinator Margaret Selvaggi to help with our Feb. 21st event: [mc.selvaggi@gmail.com](mailto:mc.selvaggi@gmail.com)

### **Feb. 11th:**

Fr. Kenn Wandera will return to CTK to celebrate Sunday Mass while Fr. Chris is on vacation Feb. 5th - 12th.

Fr. Kenn was ordained in 2021 for Glenmary Home Missioners. His current assignment is at St. Michael Parish in Erwin, TN.

## **Faith Formation Corner**

### **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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According to Pope Francis's homily here, does God look for you where you are, in your ordinary life? Can your ordinary life be sacred?

John [the Baptist] received people in the desert, where only those able to leave their homes could go. Jesus, on the other hand, speaks of God in the heart of society, to everyone, wherever they find themselves. He does not speak at fixed times or places, but "walking along the shore," to fishermen who were "casting their nets". He speaks to people in the most ordinary times and places.

The disciples would never forget the words they heard that day on the shore of the lake, "Follow me, I will make you become fishers of men." Jesus spoke to them in terms of their own livelihood: "You are fishermen, and you will become fishers of men." Struck by those words, they come to realize that lowering their nets for fish was too little, whereas putting out into the deep in response to the word of Jesus was the secret of true joy.

The Lord does the same with us: He looks for us where we are, He loves us as we are, and He patiently walks by our side. As He did with those fishermen, He waits for us on the shore of our life. With His word, He wants to change us, to invite us to live fuller lives and to put out into the deep together with Him.

Here is a link for a resource for today's Gospel for your household: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

### Special prayers and participations:



**Prayers 4 Protection Campaign:** Since 2016 the Abingdon Police Department has asked local churches to include prayers for their law enforcement and administrative personnel. Each week we have placed a name in the bulletin and asked that you devote prayers to that person and their family. This week we pray for **Patrol Officer Heidi Shumate**. We pray that Officer Shumate be aware of the power and responsibility her position holds. We pray not only for her protection, but that she perform her duties with care and concern for the community she serves.

**Those affected by abuse: next Virtual Gathering is Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** As a community, the Diocese of Richmond strives to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, **you are invited to join these virtual gathering the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal. **If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance coordinator at 877.887.9603 or email [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org)**

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

follows Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 9:00 p.m.

Please sign-up on the schedule in the Commons  
or click the QR code to sign up digitally.

**No Adoration on Jan. 27th as Father is away.**



**PRAYERS REQUESTED (new names this week in bold):** (If you are sick, in the hospital, or unable to go to Mass, please call the office. **Please let the office know of name removal.**)

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|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Laurn Becker     | Sharon Page-Dowling | Donna Hundman      | Bill Munk       |
| Leslie Birch     | Melissa Farmer      | Ron Johnson        | Candy Singleton |
| Marilyn Borquist | Ethan Finch         | Laurie Lawler      | Jettie Sullivan |
| Maryann Browning | Randy Flora         | Martin Monahan     | Teresa Swiney   |
| Sue Burns        | Lorenzo Guillen     | Judy Marburg       | Pam Turner      |
| Karen Bush       | Johannah Harrison   | Mallory Minichello | Amber Wolfe     |
| Jo Ann Detta     | Floris Houston      | Irene Mooney       | Denise Wolfe    |

**MILITARY PRAYERS:** Brandon Bates, Paul Browning, Jose Cisneros, Michael Davidson, Scott Elliott, Geoffrey Estes, Matt Frazier, Chuck Gill, Scott Hebert, Anthony Lachlan, James Mayes, Kevin Perkins, Michael Richardson, Blaine Robinson.

**Office Manager: Mary Byrd - 276.628.2941**

**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

**Parish Website: [christthekingsaintjohn.org](http://christthekingsaintjohn.org)**

**Fr. Chris email: [emasla@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:emasla@richmonddiocese.org)**

**Sacramental emergency: 423-281-3860**

**Please submit info to the office or email**

**[office@christthekingsaintjohn.org](mailto:office@christthekingsaintjohn.org) by Friday Noon. Please include name & phone.**

#### **ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

During Mass, youth ages 17 & under may not leave our worship space unaccompanied by an adult. *This is for the safety of your children and the preservation of our church.* No child should ever be in the nursery, loft or be outside on church property without a parent or guardian to supervise them.